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PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

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described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP03/00381  
filed January 17, 2003

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-157,393 filed May 30, 2002

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